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Responsive to the Office Communication dated May 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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